

Below are the draft instructions and pricing tool, updated on February 25, for the submission of Medicare Advantage (MA) bids beginning with contract year 2006. Completed bid forms will reflect the relevant actuarial information in support of the benefits offered and premiums and cost sharing charged to plan enrollees. These documents are Word and Excel files of the information included in the CMS Paperwork Reduction Act Submission for public comment located at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/regulations/pra>

Comments on these documents are to be provided by March 17 in accordance with the attached Federal Register notice.

The final MA bid form and instructions will be available for download on April 8 via the HPMS system.